City Of Santa Barbara Access Advisory Committee Action Minutes

Friday, November 13, 2015

9:30 a.m.

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room

Committee Members Present:

Robert Burnham – Chairperson; Martha Degasis, Karen Johnson; Ken McLellan; Adelaida Ortega; Barbara Silver

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff to Committee Present:

Kristy Schmidt, ADA Coordinator; Andrew Stuffler, Chief Building Official; Ashleigh Shue, Supervising Civil Engineer; Laura Yanez, Project Engineer; Sarita King, Administrative Specialist; Alelia Parenteau, Administrative Analyst II; Sarah Russell, Accounting Assistant

Agenda Item Number	Discussion	Informal Action Items	Committee Votes
1.	The Chair called the meeting to order.	Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.	None
2.	The Chair called the roll (see attendance above).		None
3.	Changes to the Agenda.		None
4.	The Chair called for the approval of the minutes.	 Clarification – the permanent Chair and Vice-Chair were elected at the May 2015 meeting. Also, the committee requested that paper copies of the previous meeting's minutes to be sent to Committee members prior to current meeting. 	MOTION by Robert Burnham for approval of the minutes. Karen Johnson seconded. Ayes=6; Noes=0; Abstain=0; Absent=0
5.	Pending Agenda items.	 An ad-hoc committee of the Access Advisory Committee (Committee) met in October and compiled a list of goals and objectives for 2016, which were read without discussion. Kristy Schmidt would like to review the list with Robert Burnham, and she requested that a discussion of the list be put on the agenda for the February meeting. 	None

6. Public Comments.	 Jim Marsten publicly thanked Andrew Stuffler for meeting with him. Jim also wanted it known that he was successful in getting yellow striping added to stairs at two locations. Bonnie Elliott expressed a wish that the Committee could meet once a month. Will Rehing shared a flyer about a book titled "Becoming Real in 24 Days", and shared copies of City Resolution No. 08-095, and suggested scheduling of special Committee meetings. He proposed that the Committee consider asking Transportation staff to address blue curb parking in the public right of way, car-sharing programs, and valet parking in front of businesses. 	
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- 7. Introduction of Jim Dewey,
 Facilities and Energy Manager. In
 2016, the Facilities Division staff
 shall take over for the Engineering
 Division and act as staff liaisons to
 the Committee.
- Kristy Schmidt explained that starting in 2016, the Facilities Division will take over as staff support for the Committee from the Engineering Division. Facilities contacts are Jim Dewey, Facilities and Energy Manager, who will be the Staff Contact, Alelia Parenteau, Administrative Analyst II, and Sarah Russell, Accounting Assistant. Robert Burnham asked if the Committee could become a viable stakeholder in the design project process for upcoming Facilities projects. Kristy said that she would make sure Jim Dewey is aware of this request.
- Martha Degasis asked if the Committee had liaisons to other City boards, such as Architectural Board of Review and the Transportation and Circulation Committee. Kristy Schmidt directed staff to add the subject of Committee liaisons to City Boards and Commissions to the next agenda.

- 8. Andrew Stuffler, Chief Building Official, will address accessibility requirements for building permits and how these are approved and enforced.
- Andrew Stuffler discussed how staff members of the Building and Safety Division work to improve access to facilities, and remove barriers in residential and commercial buildings, as well as City facilities. Funding, use, date of original construction, value of the work, and unreasonable hardship, are a few of the variables that serve to determine the scope and applicability of the state's building codes. He also discussed the State's Certified Access Specialist program (CASp), that is designed to meet the public's need and provides individuals who can inspect buildings and sites for compliance with applicable state and federal construction-related accessibility standards. Kristy Schmidt suggested that the CASp specialist may recommend developers of private projects to present to the Committee. Andrew gave the following Building and Safety Contacts: Andrew Stuffler at 564-5553; for the CASp specialist, contact Lonnie Cassidy at 564-5566; for field inspections, contact Larry Cassidy at 564-5588. For questions about permits, and drawings, Brenda Nielsen at

897-2653.

- 9. Review of the current curb cut priorities plan.
- Kristy Schmidt noted that the Engineering Division has created a map depicting prioritized missing curb cuts and ramps, and that the Committee assisted with this prioritization.
- Ashleigh Shue noted that 40 new ramps have been installed in the last year. In the future, ramps will either be installed or replaced when significant pavement rehabilitation is performed. In 2016, 22 new or improved ramps will be installed in the Samarkand area, and 18 in the Westside area through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Other upcoming projects where CDBG funding may be used include a portion of Old Coast Highway, Sunset Avenue on the Westside, and the Euclid Sidewalk Infill project.
- Ashleigh noted that there is currently no inventory of existing ramps. While it would require a significant amount of work to perform a physical inspection of all existing ramps, a list of existing ramps that present barriers has been started and includes locations identified by Committee or community members, such as the ramp at Laguna and Canon Perdido Streets.

10.	Additional item.	The Chairperson requested that the first item on the February 2016 meeting would be that the Committee elect a chairperson.	MOTION by Karen Johnson to elect a new chairperson at the February 2016 meeting. Adelaida Ortega seconded.
			Ayes=6; Noes=0;
			Abstain=0; Absent=0
11.	The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.		None